UNITED
NATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Distr.
GENERAL

A/CONF.171/1
15 July 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Cairo, Egypt
5-13 September 1994

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Conference.

2. Election of the President.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.

4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. Election of officers other than the President.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee of the Conference.

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

8. Experiences concerning population and development strategies and programmes.

9. Programme of Action of the Conference.

10. Other matters.

11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

Annotations

1. Opening of the Conference

The International Conference on Population and Development will be convened at the Cairo International Conference Centre, Nasr City, Cairo, on Monday, 5 September 1994.

2. Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.171/2) provides that the Conference shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. Rule 44 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Conference decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

3. Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.171/2) were approved by the General Assembly in decision 48/490.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.171/2)

4. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda set out in the present document was endorsed by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its third session, in April 1994.

5. Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Conference shall elect, in addition to the President, 27 Vice-Presidents, and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and a Chairman for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. Those officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

6. Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee of the Conference

In its resolution 47/176, the General Assembly endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/37, in which the Council decided to convene the Conference in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994. In resolution 1993/76, the Council recommended that the Preparatory Committee for the Conference become a subsidiary body of the General Assembly and decided to convene two-day pre-Conference consultations at the venue of the Conference. That Council resolution was endorsed fully by the General Assembly in resolution 48/186.

Rules 46 and 48 of the provisional rules of procedure provide that the Conference may establish a Main Committee, as required, which may set up subcommittees or working groups, subject to the decision of the Plenary of the Conference. Under rule 48, the Conference may establish, in addition to the Main Committee, such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. According to rule 49, the members of the committees and working groups of the Conference shall be appointed by the

President, subject to the approval of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise. Under the same rule, members of the subcommittees and working groups of committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee in question, subject to the approval of that Committee, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

The provisional rules of procedure also provide for the appointment of a Credentials Committee (rule 4) and a General Committee (rules 9-11).

A note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters will be before the Conference for consideration. It will include a proposed timetable for the work of the Conference. The pre-Conference consultations, to take place on 3 and 4 September, are expected to make recommendations to the Conference on the basis of that note.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters (A/CONF.171/3)

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:

(a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference and that its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-eighth session, which consisted of Austria, the Bahamas, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Mauritius, the Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

8. Experiences concerning population and development strategies and programmes

During the general debate on this item, each delegation will be given an opportunity to make a statement on its national experience in the population and development field. The list of speakers will be closed at 12 noon on Wednesday, 7 September 1994, at Cairo.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action (A/CONF.171/4)

Report of the Secretary-General containing a synthesis of the national reports of countries on their experiences concerning population and development strategies and programmes (A/CONF.171/5)

9. Programme of action of the Conference

At its third session, the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development considered the chapters of the draft programme of action of the conference (A/CONF.171/PC/5), which had been prepared on the basis of the proposed conceptual framework of the draft recommendations of the Conference (E/CONF.84/PC/11); the Chairman's summary concerning the conceptual framework, contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council decision 1993/323; the annotated outline of the final document of the Conference (A/48/430/Add.1, annex); the reports and recommendations of the six expert group meetings convened in preparation for the Conference (E/CONF.84/PC/4-9) and of the regional population conferences (E/CONF.84/PC/13-17); and the results of the fourth review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action (A/CONF.171/PC/3). Also taken into account were the views of delegations and other participants at the first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee, at the 1992 and 1993 substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council and at the forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly; the reports and recommendations of the subregional population conferences, round-table meetings and other meetings convened in preparation for the Conference; informal consultations with Governments; and substantive comments and suggestions of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

In the course of its third session, the Preparatory Committee held informal consultations on the draft chapters contained in document A/CONF.171/PC/5, which resulted in draft texts submitted by the Chairman of Working Group I (for chapters III, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV and XVI), the Chairman of Working Group II (for chapters IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X) and the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee (for chapters I and II). The revised draft texts were issued in documents A/CONF.171/PC/L.3-10 and Add.1 and L.11-16). At its 30th to 34th meetings, the Preparatory Committee considered and approved for transmittal to the Conference, as orally revised and amended and subject to further consideration of the bracketed parts, the draft programme of action of the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft programme of action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/CONF.171/L.1)

Document for information

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development on its third session (A/CONF.171/PC/9)

10. Other matters

11. Adoption of the report of the Conference

The Conference will adopt a report of its activities, a draft of which will be prepared by the Rapporteur-General and presented to the Conference for its approval.